no excuse shall serve; you shall not be excused*—
Why, Davy!

Enter DAVY.

DAVY. Here, sir.

SEAL. [Davy, Davy, Davy,—let me see, Davy;
let me see:—yea, marry, William cook, bid him
come hither[6].—Sir John, you shall not be excused.

DAVY. Marry, sir, thus; those precepts cannot
be served: and, again, sir.'—Shall we sow the
headland with wheat?

cited by him, from Decker, in a note in the third Scene of this Act. ** By these *comfits and carrawaysj** &c. BLAKEWAY.

The following passage in A Catechisme containing the Summe of Religion, &c. by George Giffard, 1583, will show that this word was not considered as a corruption of the Sacred Name: "Men suppose that they do not offende when they do not sweare falsly: and because they will not take the name of God to abuse it, they sware by *small thinges*, as by *cocke and pye*, by the *mouse of an hoate*, and many other suche like."* Bo SWELL.

5. I will not excuse you; &c.] The sterility of Justice Shallow's wit is admirably described, in thus making him, by one of the finest strokes of nature, so often vary his phrase, to express one and the same thing, and that the commonest. WARBURTON.

6. — WILLIAM COOK, bid him come hither.] It appears from this instance, as well as many others, that anciently the lower orders of people had no surnames, or, if they had, were only called by the titles of their several professions*. The *cook* of *Wit at Ham Canynge*, the *royal Merchant of Bristol*, lies buried there under a flat stone, near the monument of his master, in the beautiful church of St. Mary Redcliffe. On this stone are represented the ensigns of his trade, a skimmer and a knife. His epitaph is as follows: *Hic iacet Willm* Coke quondam serviens Willm* Canynges mercatoris villae Bristol I; cuius animae propitietur Deus." Lazarillo, in The Woman-Hater of Beaumont and Fletcher, expresses a wish to have his tomb ornamented in a like manner:

«----for others* glorious shields
*e Give me a vpider; and above my hearse
*c For a trutch sword, my *naked knife* stuck up/'

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7— those PRECEPTS cannot be served:]
Precept is *& iustice**
To the offices which Falstaff gives
Davy in the follqw*